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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE PROBLEMS
ARISING FROM DIVERGENT VIEWS BETWEEN FRG AND US ON STATUS/
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OPERATIONS OF OUR FORCES THERE. NEVERTHELESS, WE CONSIDER

THAT IT IS IN OUR OVERALL INTERESTS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE GOJ INITIATIVE, WHICH COULD WELL RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR ARRANGEMENTS IN JAPAN FROM BOTH OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL STANDPOINTS. (SEE REFTEL B). IT SEEMS IMPORTANT THAT THE JAPANESE RECEIVE OUR VIEWS (AS WELL AS GERMAN VIEWS, WHICH THEY SEEM TO BE GETTING IN ANY CASE)IN AREAS WHERE THERE MAY BE DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION.

2. WE PLAN TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM USCINCEUR AFTER VISIT REPORT (REFTEL E) AND FROM OUR OWN SOURCES HERE AS WELL. AFTER REVIEWING SUCH DATA, STATE/DEFENSE WILL THEN MAKE DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT WE CAN PASS TO GOJ. IN THIS

RESPECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO QUESTIONS NO. 1, 2, 5, 6 AND 7 OF REFTEL (C) AND THE IMPLICATIONS YOU PERCEIVE IN RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE GOJ.

3. IN VIEW OF YOUR CONCERN, WE WILL ASK TOKYO TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION TO SATO PERSONALLY ON AN ORAL AND INFORMAL BASIS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE. ROBINSON

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